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REMARKS

Claims 91-98 have been amended. For the Examiner's convenience, an Appendix showing the pending claims (including the amendments presented herein) is attached hereto.

The specification has been amended to reflect the text as originally filed.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Amendment of the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and was done solely to expedite prosecution.

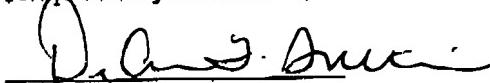
Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe the pending claims are enabled, distinctly claimed, and inventive. Accordingly, allowance is requested.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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